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In re Application of: Ruediger Eiermann et al
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Title: DISHWASHER WITH DEVICE FOR STORAGE OF
RINSING WATER

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98, I am submitting a completed "INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANTS" (*Form PTO/SB/08A*) with patents and/or publications as delineated therein attached.

EP 0 709 055 discloses that the dish-washing machine has a combined storage space (21) used for both the fresh-water and the soiled water, with mixing between the latter prevented by dividing the space into separate volumes using a collapsible container (30) for the soiled water (S). Pref. the collapsible container completely fills the combined storage space when it is full, with independent flow connections (23,33) provided for the volume within the collapsible container and the volume on the outside of the latter.

DE 39 13 355 discloses a program-controlled washing machine or dishwasher has washing soln. pump and a device for an intermediate storage of used washing and/or rinsing soln. which will be reused at a later stage. The duration of the intermediate storing is registered and when a preset time span is obtd. or exceeded, signal or a display is triggered or the pump is operated for conveying the stored soln. into the outflow.

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DE 42 43 605 discloses that the machine (1) is programmed to carry out successive stages of preliminary rinsing, cleansing, intermediate and final rinsing and drying. During the cleansing and final rinse the liq. supplied to spraying nozzles from a circulation pump (4) is heated and treated with additives. After the intermediate rinse the liq. is extracted (11) from the rinsing container (3) and stored in an inner container (20), from which it is returned (25) during the first phase of the next cycle.

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